(b) During 1988-89 and 1989-90, 316 research projects were completed; 100 books, 217 monographs and 1279 working/ occasional papers published. Four hundred and twenty seven seminars workshops and research methodology courses were also held. During the same period, 44 scholars were awarded Ph.Ds and 49 scholars submitted their PH.D. theses. Two hundred and Thirty six scholars were working at the Research Institutes on substantive issues of research at the end of 1989-90. Information in respect of 1990-91 is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

The ICSSR Regional Centres have, during the last three years conducted 10 workshops/seminars on substantive issues of Social Science and 10 research methodology courses, besides providing financial assistance to Universities, research institutes ect. The Centres have been encouraging publication of books/journals in regional languages by granting financial assistance.

(c) The Council supports only one Research Institute in Bihar Viz. the A.N.. Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna whose performance, according to the Indian Council of Social Science Research, has been generally statisfactory.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

National Commission for SCs/STs

6308. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as provided for in the Constitution (Sixty Fifth Amendment) Act, 1990 has not been set up so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the times by which it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes,Sir.

(b) and (c). The National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as per the Constitution (65th Amendment) Act, 1990 is being set up very shortly.

Exploitation of Overseas Job Seekers

6309. SHRI G.L. KANAUJIA:
SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH:
SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints registered with the Protector General of Emigrants regarding malpractices by registered overseas recruitment agents during the last three years;

(b) the action taken thereon ; and

(c) the measurers proposed to be taken to check the exploitation of overseas job seekers by the recruiting agencies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) During the years 1989,1990 and 1991 (upto July) the number of complaints received against the registered recruiting agents were 48,57 and 24 respectively.

(b) Information is being compiled.

(c) Whenever complaints are received they are enquired into with the hep of police and the concerned Indian Missions abroad, depending upon the nature of complaint. The Emigration Act,1983 and the Rules framed there-under are intended to protect the emigrant workers against exploitation. The Indian Missions also take appropriate action to redress grievances whenever these are brought to their notice.

[*Translation*]

Loans Provided by Delhi State Financial Corporation

6310 SHRI KALKA DASS: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the categories of persons to which the Delhi State Financial Corporation provide loans and the purposes for which such loans are given;

(b) the maximum and minimum limit of loan provided, industry-wise;

(c) whether with a view to encourage the people of SCs/STs categories there is also a provision to provide grants to them;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the percentage of interest being charged on the amount of loan provided and periods for which it is provided; and

(f) the number of persons to whom loans have been provided by the said Corporation during each of the last three years and the amount thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Delhi Scheduled Castes Financial & Development Corporation provides loans to Scheduled Caste persons living below the poverty line in the Union Territory of Delhi for bankable income generating schemes.

(b) The maximum limit of loan per project uniformally is Rs. 35,000/- and the minimum is Rs. 1,500/-.

(c) and (d). There is a provision for subsidy which is provided at the rate of 50% of the total project cost subject to a monetary limit of Rs. 5,000/-.

(e) Corporation charges 4% rate of interest per annum on margin money loans provided to the beneficiaries. Re-payment is to be made within 36 months.

(f) The details of beneficiaries provided loans by the Corporation during the last three years alongwith the amount of loan are as under:-

(Rs in lakhs)

Year	*No. of persons*	*Amount of loan*
1988-89	3823	39.65
1989-90	4333	63.87
1990-91	3066	61.39